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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 1999 for which the one-month date for response is October 10, 1999.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/GETR:031/STA.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention of Group I (claims 1-21).

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 418-5601 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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